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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1473

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1022

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: CISCO III

REF: STATE 086635

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED SENIOR SUDANESE SECURITY OFFICIAL MORNING APRIL 10 TO DELIVER TWO PACKAGES RECEIVED FROM ASMARA FOR RONALD MICHALKE. OFFICIAL READILY AGREED TRANSMIT THEM TO ELF.

2. DURING CONVERSATION, OFFICIAL VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT SUDAN NEWS AGENCY HAD INFORMED HIM OF REF AP STORY. OFFICIAL SAID HE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF VARIOUS ERITREAN GROUPS HERE, INCLUDING PLF MILITARY, ALL OF WHOM DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF REF STATE-
MENT. NEITHER ERITREANS NOR SUDANESE ABLE IDENTIFY PLF REP MOHAMMED ALI (REFTEL). SECURITY OFFICIAL SAID AP STORY ALSO REFERRED TO LETTERS WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO "BRITISH AND AMERICANS" DEMANDING RANSOM. EMBOFF DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH LETTER. SECURITY OFFICIAL COMMENTED
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THAT PLF FACTIONS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES

IN RECENT KHARTOUM MEETING, WHICH MIGHT HAVE SOME BEARING
ON FAILURE TO RELEASE CISCO TWO. HE OFFERED OPINION THEY
WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED TEN DAYS AGO (KHARTOUM 1001) WERE
IT NOT FOR PLF INTERNAL CONFLICT. SECURITY OFFICIAL
ASSURED EMBOFF HE BELIEVED PLF STILL INTEND RELEASE
CISCO TWO.

3. SECURITY OFFICIAL SAID HE HAD ALSO TALKED TO ELF ABOUT
MICHALKE AND ASKED THEM WHAT THEY EXPECTED GAIN BY
CONTINUING TO HOLD HIM. HE SAID ELF OFFICIALS ARE
CHECKING ON MATTER. SECURITY OFFICIAL AGREED RENEW HIS

PREVIOUS REQUEST TO ELF TO FORWARD LETTER FROM MICHALKE
TO HIS FAMILY AND SAID HE FULLY AWARE STRAIN TO WHICH
FAMILY SUBJECTED DUZATO ABSENCE ANY NEWS. BREWER

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